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PRIVACY ISSUES

San Francisco Chronicle: Oakland bans use of facial recognition technology, citing bias concerns

The Oakland City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to ban the use of facial recognition by city departments, including police, making it the third city in the country to do so after San Francisco and Somerville, Mass.

The ordinance, introduced by council president Rebecca Kaplan, amends the city's current surveillance ordinance and prevent city departments from adopting any facial recognition technology and from using information obtained by the software.

DRONES

Bloomberg: Technology supplier to U.S. police agencies bans Chinese drones

A supplier of drone technology to dozens of state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies, located in the U.S. and a handful of other countries, will stop working with Chinese drone manufacturers, citing security concerns.

Cape, a Redwood City, California-based startup, plans to inform customers Wednesday that it will stop selling software compatible with Chinese drones to its clients, most of whom use the tools to remotely dispatch and operate the small aerial vehicles to surveil possible incidents or crime scenes. It's a blow to China's DJI, the world's top maker of drones that has spent years

trying to calm fears that its products could be used for espionage.

OPIOIDS

Washington Post: 76 billion opioid pills: Newly released federal data unmasks the epidemic

America's largest drug companies saturated the country with 76 billion oxycodone and hydrocodone pain pills from 2006 through 2012 as the nation's deadliest drug epidemic spun out of control, according to previously undisclosed company data released as part of the largest civil action in U.S. history.

The information comes from a database maintained by the Drug Enforcement Administration that tracks the path of every single pain pill sold in the United States - from manufacturers and distributors to pharmacies in every town and city. The data provides an unprecedented look at the surge of legal pain pills that fueled the prescription opioid epidemic, which has resulted in nearly 100,000 deaths from 2006 through 2012.

OPIOIDS

New York Times: States are making progress on opioids. Now the money that's helping them may dry up

The Missouri Network Outreach Center exists thanks to $3.3 billion in opioid crisis grants, approved with strong bipartisan support, that the Trump administration and Congress have allotted to states since 2017, when a record 47,600 Americans died from overdoses involving opioids. The money for treatment, prevention and recovery is the administration's most tangible contribution to addressing the opioid epidemic, and a rare example of an initiative that has received almost full bipartisan support in Washington during President Trump's tenure.

But even as Mr. Trump has started to claim victory over the epidemic, citing "results that are unbelievable" at a drug abuse summit in April, neither he nor his administration's top health officials have talked publicly about extending the funding beyond next year, when it is scheduled to run out. Many in the addiction field fear that, with opioid overdose deaths finally beginning to level off, and other problems like high prescription drug costs emerging as campaign issues, the attention to treatment will dissipate.

Preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that opioid overdose deaths dropped slightly in 2018, although deaths involving fentanyl, the powerful synthetic opioid that caused a sharp surge in deaths over the past few years, continued to climb. The final month of data for the year is expected to be released this week.

The grants have been especially crucial in Republican-led states that decided not to expand free Medicaid coverage to low-income adults under the Affordable Care Act, which guarantees addiction treatment as an "essential benefit." Many of these states have been hit

hard by the opioid epidemic, and the grants are their main source of financing for treatment.

CRIME STRATEGY

Baltimore Sun: 'What we have today ... is the entire weight of the federal government': Baltimore police begin partnership to fight crime

Baltimore police are teaming up with state and federal agencies on a three-year initiative to fight violent crime, gangs and the drug trade.

Tuesday marked the kickoff of the city's participation in the National Public Safety Partnership, a federal crime-fighting program with the U.S. Justice Department.

Spearheaded by President Donald Trump in 2017, the National Public Safety Partnership provides an array of federal law enforcement resources to help cities reduce violent crime, specifically related to gun violence, gangs and drug trafficking. The collaboration will provide city police with access to new technology and crime analytics tools, training in new policing tactics and strategies, and an open door to federal law enforcement experts.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Ottawa Citizen: Ottawa police announce new community policing plan

The Ottawa Police Service will roll out "neighbourhood-based teams" in three high-intensity areas, according to a new report on strategic direction released Tuesday.

The new teams will replace the district-model community police system that was cancelled in 2017 because of budget cuts.

The report doesn't specify which three neighbourhoods will be part of the initial rollout, but it does say similar teams for other neighbourhoods may be established based on an evaluation of how things go in the first round.

The report also acknowledges that the 2017 decision to eliminate community-based officers sparked criticism from many community leaders.

STAFFING

Cincinnati Enquirer: Cincinnati Police Chief Eliot Isaac: We need more officers

Every year when Cincinnati City Council works through the upcoming budget, Police Chief Eliot Isaac implores city leaders to hire more officers.

With a high retirement rate right now due to large police classes in the 1990s, he needs two

recruit classes a year - at least 45 officers.

For 2020, he's getting one 30-officer recruit class that starts in December.

It's not enough, he said.

"Manpower is definitely our biggest hurdle," Isaac said on That's So Cincinnati, an Enquirer-sponsored weekly podcast.

GUN VIOLENCE

WBUR Boston: Carry a weapon? Know anyone in a gang? Doctor tests questions hoping to prevent gun injuries

In all the debate about whether doctors should screen patients to prevent gun injuries or death, Dr. Kamau Karanja has stumbled on a key missing piece: What questions might deliver answers that matter?

Karanja says he looked for guidance from medical societies about how to screen patients at risk for homicide and found little if anything of use.

So Bowdoin Street Health Center, where Karanja is the medical director, went to the source. On a Wednesday evening, 16 members of the health center's youth leadership program pull chairs into a semi-circle around Alberte Altine-Gibson, the center's manager of community health.

The goal: to find out which questions young people would answer in an exam room - which ones might help save a life.

OFFICER HEROES

Roll Call: Officers who saved lives during baseball shooting get one of highest law enforcement honors

Just over two years since a gunman opened fire on an Alexandria, Virginia, baseball diamond and turned a Republican lawmaker practice into a national tragedy, the Capitol Police officers who saved lives were honored Tuesday with the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery.

Special Agents David Bailey and Crystal Griner of the Capitol Police - both of whom are Maryland residents - were presented with one of the highest honors in law enforcement in the Capitol by the Maryland congressional delegation for their heroic roles in preventing what could have been a massacre. The award honors exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state and local law enforcement for those who have been at risk of injury or injured. It is awarded annually by the U.S. Attorney General and is presented by the recipients' congressional delegation.

Detroit Free Press: This top cop ripped apart a Michigan town

Oakley's notoriety stretched across the state and nation, as news stories told of an outsize volunteer reserve police force, created by a polarizing chief - Robert Reznick.

He built a unique self-funded police department in the village, supported by donations from his volunteer cops, who gave thousands for the privilege but whose identities were long kept secret, drawing the ire of some residents and triggering years of litigation.

The typically peaceful community was split: Some Oakley residents wanted Reznick gone; others praised his good work.

The saga unraveled over several years. The police department lost its liability insurance and was briefly shut down; legal battles ensued, including fights over the reserve officers' names, which were finally released, revealing a list that included high-powered metro Detroit business leaders, a professional athlete and a music star. Reznick's house was raided by federal agents nearly two years ago and his time in Oakley came to an end; the donations dried up.

But the story is only now headed for its conclusion.

In March, the federal government dropped this news: Reznick was facing criminal charges.

Turns out the former chief had been up to more in Oakley than just transforming businessmen into amateur cops - he had used the village as a front to orchestrate a firearms fraud scheme.

TECHNOLOGY

The Hill: Former NYPD Commissioner William Bratton: For police, is AI deception technology a 'truth meter' yet?

As companies increasingly rely on Artificial intelligence (AI) technology to solve the most complex and pressing business challenges, law enforcement has turned to AI as a tool to help execute on the multifaceted mission of modern-day policing. However, for all the potential that AI possesses for law enforcement, we are still at the early stages of achieving fully viable and legally permissible options to meet law enforcement needs - particularly when it comes to capabilities such as video analytics and facial recognition.

Both have introduced challenges related to accuracy and bias, already generating skepticism by the public and, in some cases, legal action or bans by elected officials in pockets around the country. The latest development garnering attention in the world of AI and law enforcement is "deception analysis," which utilizes AI technology to assess an individual's truthfulness in criminal investigations and judicial administrative proceedings.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

San Mateo (CA) Daily Journal: San Mateo Police Chief to retire at end of 2019

After more than 19 years at the helm of the San Mateo Police Department, Police Chief Susan Manheimer announced Tuesday she will retire at the end of 2019, marking the end of a more than 30-year career in law enforcement.

Known for developing a model for community policing since she was appointed to the city's top law enforcement spot in 2000, Manheimer has earned national acclaim for shaping crime prevention, juvenile justice and homeless outreach programs later adopted throughout San Mateo County, according to a city press release.

Having set the highest standards for policing, Manheimer has been an innovator in tackling issues in juvenile justice, community policing and domestic violence, noted County Manager Mike Callagy, who previously served as San Mateo's deputy police chief. Callagy commended Manheimer for not only representing San Mateo but also becoming a recognized voice for policing at the state and national levels.

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